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Letter To The Editor

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Dear Editor,

The Central Virginia Chapter National Foundation March of Dimes wants to thank R.S.V.P. (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) of Campbell County for the Senior Walk in Rustburg on Saturday, May 6, 1978.

58 Senior Citizens from Rustburg, Altavista, Brookneal, Appomattox, and Lynchburg who ranged in age from 60-85 years old, walked a total of 218 miles ranging from 1 mile to eleven miles, pledging a total of $1,200.00 to the March of Dimes.

Also, I want to thank the Campbell County Sheriff's Department, the Life Saving Crew of Rustburg, and Blue Ridge React for their partiepation to help make this a safe Walk.

Again, THANK YOU, to all seniors that participated in this successful Walk.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Mattie O'Brien, Chairman
Central Va. Chapter
March of Dimes

BECKHAM

May 8 - Mrs. H. C. Moore spent the weekend with Mrs. O. W. Martin, Sr.

Mrs. Joyce Reams and daughters Carrie and Stacey spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schmutz and family.

Mrs. Paul Burge is a patient at Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mr. Malcolm Drinkard was Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Donald Lee and Miss Eunice Martin.

Mrs. Penny Jordan had charge of the service Sunday evening at Trinity Church for family week. A covered dish evening meal afterward was enjoyed by those present.

Mrs. Stoner Oglesby of Lynchburg spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin and family.

Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin were Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Carter and Karen and Edward Martin. Mr. Carl Martin visited in the afternoon.

Mrs. Herbert Moore Jr. was honored on her birthday Sunday with a cook out at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pankey of Appomattox. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moore Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin, Mrs. Geraldine Moore, Gwen Moore, Mr. Wayne Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Moore and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Moore and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin House and family.

Michael Henderson spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Moore spent the week end.

Mrs. Howlett Drinkard and Miss Eunice visited Mrs. Eural Martin and Don Martin Saturday afternoon. Mr. Eural Martin is a patient in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Alabama Baptist

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. St. Matthew 16-24.

The regular preaching services were held at the Alabama Baptist Church Sunday morning. Prayer service were in charge Alice Jackson, Antionette Wiley and Mrs. Mary Bailey. Everyone took a part in the service. Services were opened by pastor Elliott. Scripture were taken from 16 chapter of St. Matthew. Music were render by senior and junior choir.

Rev. Elliott theme was "Cross Bearing" A beautiful sermon were rendered by our pastor. Visiting Deacons were Mt. Lyle, White Oak Grove, and Sulphur Spring. Special guest from New York City. Close friend of Mrs. Elizabeth Evans. We thank all visitors and friends from different churches for coming out to make our service a success. Our prayers go out to the sick where ever they might be.

Mother's Day night at 7:00 will be our pastor's 18 years of service at the Alabama Baptist Church. The speaker will be Rev. James Miller of Pamplin. Music by Alabama Choir.

First Sunday in June at 7:00 the Gospel Quintet's 5th Anniversary held at the Alabama Baptist Church, Pamplin. Everyone is cordially invited.

Fourth Sunday in June at 7:00 the Holiness Gospel Singers 19th Anniversary held at the White Oak Grove Baptist Church in Phenix, Virginia.

Everyone is cordially invited.

The Pastor Speaks

The Ascension of Jesus is one of the very important episodes in the life of our Lord and in the thought of the Church.

Numerous scholars write against the idea of a physical ascension, and I do not really want to get into that at this moment. The important question is, What is the importance of this concept today?

The four canonical accounts of the Gospel and other books of the New Testament tell us much about Jesus. The actual chronological history is at points entangled, but the Gospel accounts are not intended to be "history books" so much as they are intended to give us accounts of the effect Jesus had on the infant Church.

Some of the things we learn from the scriptures which are presented to us as once-and-for-all events such as creation and the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness were on-going events. The same can be said for the epiphany of our Lord and even for such seemingly singular events as the Ascension.

Jesus was continually ascending to the Father in the sense that an effect He was having on His followers was this continual ascendency to God.

God is Spirit. God is Love. God is goodness. God is the Spirit of Goodness. He is vital, He is powerful. He creates, sustains, and draws to completion all in a single, unified, timeless act.

The disciples heard and saw Jesus proclaiming the coming of the Kingdom of God. More and more perhaps during His lifetime, but especially after the Pentecost experience, they understood who He was and what He was saying and doing. This could only give rise to their conviction that He had been conceived by the Spirit of Goodness, nourished by the Spirit of Goodness, and that finally He had ascended to from whence He had come to fulfil His promise that He would see to it that His followers were inspired by the same Spirit of Goodness (God).

For us the celebration of the Ascension of Jesus is far more significant than a celebration of His physical removal from time and space; it is the celebration that Jesus is Lord. It is a celebration which includes that Jesus was eternally destined to "ascend" to the Father whose Spirit had conceived Him, that Jesus is the Son of God, that Jesus is indeed The Way of triumph over death, that Jesus is "transfigured humanity" in which we live and move and have our very being.

Thank God that the followers of Jesus saw His ascendency to God for that's what it's all about. Had they not, we would have neither Christmas nor Easter.

The Appomattox United Methodist Circuit
Rev. James M. Becker, Pastor
Appomattox, Va. 24522

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

THREE VISIONS

Lesson for May 14, 1978

Background Scripture: Acts 10
Devotional Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25.

The story of Simon Peter and Cornelius the Centurian is a tale of three visions.

The first of these was the vision that came to Cornelius while he was praying. Luke tells us that he was a Roman officer, com-

Rev. Althouse

mander of a unit of 100 men from the Italian mainland. Cornelius was stationed at Caesarea, a coastal city that became the Roman capitol of Judea. Furthermore, he was "a devout man who feared God." a term often applied to Gentiles (non-Jews) who adopted Jewish religious ideas and attended the synagogues without going so far as receiving circumcision and becoming full proselytes.

Praying constantly

Cornelius was a man who took religion seriously and, as Luke puts it, "prayed constantly." It is in the midst of praying one day that he sees a vision. The vision is a reassurance that God has heard his prayers and also an instruction to send someone to bring Simon Peter to his household. Cornelius was not only a devout man, he was also obedient and he does as he is told.

The second vision takes place while Cornelius' messengers are on their way to Joppa. Having ascended to the rooftop of the house of Simon the Tanner to pray, Peter falls into a trance. In the vision the hungry man is instructed to kill and eat some of the creatures he sees, but Peter refuses because some of the animals are forbidden as food by the Jewish law. But the vision's voice commands him: "What God has cleansed you must not call common" (10:15).

Truly I perceive!

While Peter is still trying to understand the meaning of his vision, the messengers arrive. We cannot tell whether he realizes immediately what the visions mean, but even his decision to go with the messengers was a breakthrough, for Jewish law forbade all but the most necessary contacts with Gentiles who like the animals in Peter's vision were thought to be "unclean" in a spiritual sense.

So Peter goes to Caesarea and meets Cornelius and each shares his vision with the other. Peter must have been somewhat amazed that God would reveal himself to a Gentile in a vision and he must have been equally overwhelmed with the attitude he found: "Now therefore we are all present here in the sight of God, to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord" (10:33).

By means of this experience the doors of the church were opened wide to the Gentile as well as the Jew, a development that profoundly affected the whole course of Christianity.

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Area Students Receive Degrees

Miss Juanita Hamlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hamlett of Route 1, Pamplin, received the Bachelor of Science Degree in mathematics from Saint Paul's College on May 7, 1978.

Herbert Fleshman, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Fleshman, Sr. of Spout Spring, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from St. Paul's College in ceremonies on that same day.

Mrs. Turner's 6th Grade 4-H Club

Mrs. Turner's 4-H Club met May 8, 1978. Jay Chenault, our president, opened the meeting by electing John Pulley to say the American Pledge and Alphonzo Moore to say the 4-H Pledge.

Next, the 4-H recreation leader led us in some games. The secretary, Tammy Smith, read the minutes and they were approved.

Mr. Sweet passed out demonstration certificates and talked about camp.

Last, but not least, we saw slides on milk posters. This was our last meeting for this year. It has been a very good year.

Jay Chenault then adjourned the meeting.

Harold Vassar, Reporter

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Appomattox is a great place to live, work and to retire in; this is my desire.

**Thank you again,
Francis Elliott
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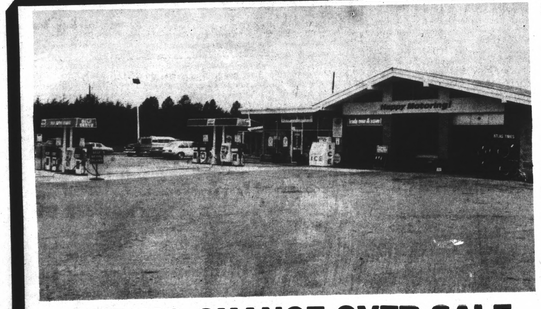

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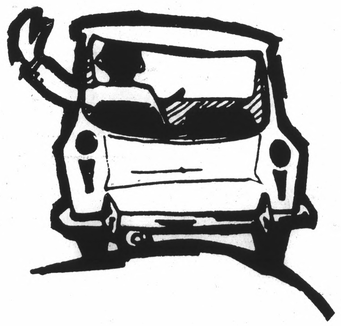

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HAPPINESS IS 4-H

By Frank H. Sweet
Extension Agent

Lawson Ford will once again sponsor the 4-H Dog Show which is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 30, on the Middle School Football Field. This makes the eighth consecutive year that Lawson Ford has sponsored the event. All 4-H'ers with dogs are encouraged to take part. Ribbons and trophies will be awarded.

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The Appomattox Middle School 4-H Dance-a-Thon for the American Cancer Society is planned for Saturday, May 20, beginning at 10 a.m. All AMS students are encouraged to take part. A steering committee composed of Jane Eagle, Lourdes Garcia and David Hancock has done a good job in planning for the event. Members of the Appomattox Chapter, American Cancer Society will be assisting with registration and refreshments.

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ST. LUKE

On April 30, 1978 at 9:45 the Cornerstone Baptist Sunday School Union meet with the St. Luke Church School. Rev. T. M. Venerable was in charge and conducted the devotions by singing hymns. Responsive reading of scripture and Brother J. W. King offered a very touching prayer.

The Sunday School was great and Rev. Venerable gave a review of the lesson. This contained thought food.

The youth program was a highlight as Rev. J. E. McLaughlin was out of town for the week end.

Rev. Alvin Jones gave the message for the occasion. He used a text from St. Luke 16:24. "He cried and said, Father Abraham have mercy on me." Subject - Use God's mercy rightly in this he said as Christians we should use the mercy that God gave or gives us with credit to him. Rev. Jones brought out many high points to this subject.

The offering was good. The sick of the community were remembered by the offering. Namely Mrs. Edith Jones, Martha Gilbert, Mrs. Esther Callahan and Mr. Bolin Jones.

The ladies of the church served a bountiful lunch. The meeting was closed to meet with the Promise Land Church on the fifth Sunday in July.

The Bible Institute that was held at the Green Spring Church recently was a success and well attended.

May 7th many friends attended the regular preaching service at the St. Luke Baptist Church. Rev. McLaughlin was in charge. Choir Adult gave vocal music as the pianist is now recoving at her home after surgery.

Rev. McLaughlin used as his subject, "Mothers Who Stood By the Cross." St. John 19:25.

Members of the Senior 4-H Meat Team will be appearing on WSET Channel 13's Farm and Home Show Saturday morning at 8 a.m. The 4-H'ers will be presenting a program on red meat selection and evaluation that should be helpful to the average consumer.

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The 1978 Five County Fair will be held during the week of September 11-16. 4-H'ers may want to start planning ahead for Fair exhibits during the summer months. Remember that all types of items may be exhibited in the Fair. New catalogs should be available in mid-July.

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Several 4-H members will be presenting a program for members of the Appomattox 4-H Club tonight (Thursday). Programs such as these provide opportunities for our 4-H'ers to build confidence in themselves.

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He challenged mothers about their duty to stand by, stand for the right decision if some suffering is involved. The offering was good. Some came forward to redicate themselves to the church.

All members were pleased to see Mrs. Esther Callahn being brought to join in the services at church. She being an amputee.

Numbers of out-of-town members were present to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Beulah Elliott held at the Community Funeral Home in Lynchburg and the graveside service at the St. Luke Church of which she was a member. Services were held Sunday at 4 p.m.

Mrs. Susie Hunter and daughter, Miss Barbara Hunter visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Canada Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tweedy went to Lawrenceville Sunday to attend the graduation of Mrs. Kattie Gaines, their daughter. Others went from other communities for similar reasons.

Sunday, May 28, Memorial Service in honor of our deceased members, sponsored by the Gospel Crowns of Naruna, Va. Please come - All day service.

R. L. Lee Academy Honor Roll

Students making the "A" honor roll, 95-100, at Robert E. Lee Academy this six weeks were Stella Osborne and Mary Lee Bryant.

Making the "B" honor roll, 88-100, were Liz Pierce, Lisa Moon, Kim Johnson, P. W. Kitchen, Cheryl Bennett, and Mary Beth Everly.

Students with perfect attendance for the six weeks were Bryan Wallace, Stacey Myrick, Stella Osborne, L. D. Fleshman, Pedi Myrick, Angela Hackett, Audra Doss, Sandy Kitchen and Mary Lee Bryant.

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